(c) whether neighbouring countries like Pakistan and Sri Lanka have never allowed human rights groups to enter the disturbed areas in their countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise

(c) No information is available.

Support of Arab countries on India's stand on Kashmir

293. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he visited number of Arab countries to seek the support of India's stand on Kashmir, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the Arab countries which have supported India's stand alongwith these who opposed it;

(c) whether Kashmir question was discussed at the Islamic countries meeting at Kuwait;

(d) if so, whether Pakistan raised this issue at the meeting; and

(e) if so, India's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) to (e) While I did not visit any country solely to seek support of our stand on the question of Jammu and Kashmir, this subject has been discussed by me with several Arab countries' leaders and our position explained to them in detail.

Pakistan did raise this question at the Conference of Foreign Ministers of the OIC held in Cairo. There was a broad understanding among the Arab countries for India's position. The root cause of the present tension between India and Pakistan is Pakistan's interference in India's internal affairs and sponsorship of terrorist and subversive activities from across the border. We firmly believe that the tensions can be successfully defused only by bilateral discussions under the Simla Agreement and the Pakistan's efforts at internationalization will not help.

Migrants from Jammu and Punjab

294. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the position of migrants from Jammu and Punjab;

(b) what is the total assistance provided to these refugees and migrants by the Centre; and

(c) whether any concrete proposals are being considered to help them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) There are no migrants from Jammu. However, more then 60,000 migrants from Kashmir Valley have been registered at Jammu, at Delhi and more than 11,000 migrants from Punjab have been registered at Delhi. Statement showing assistance provided by the Government to the migrants from Kashmir and Punjab are enclosed.

Statement

Statement showing nature and quantum of assistance provided by the Government to the migrant families:

The following relief measures have been sanctioned by the Government for the migrant families:—

General Assistance:

Instructions have been issued for admission of the children of the migrants who do not want to constinue their studies in the valley in different professional and other colleges outside the valley. Facilities for transfer of bank accounts, payment of leave salary, pension, ITC Premium outside the valley, have also been provided to the migrant families.

In Jammu:

(i) Grant of cash assistance of Rs. 1,000/- per month per family of four members, or more.

(ii) Supply of free ration at the scale prescribed by the Government under the Public Distribution System i.e. 9 Kgs of rice, 2 Kgs of atta and 1 Kg of sugar per head per month.

(iii) Free accommodation either in the available Government buildings or in the tents to the needy families.

(iv) Free medical aid; and

(v) Supply of blankets to the needy families.

In Delhi:

Cash relief @ Rs. 125/- per person per month subject to a maximum of Rs. 500/- per month per family of four members or more, is being disbursed.

The migrant families staying in the thriteen camps organised by Delhi Administration in addition to the cash relief are being given a one time kitchen kit of cooking utensils/bedding items and monthly dry ration. The expenditure on dry ration per family comes to about Rs. 500/- per month. Arrangements for regular visits of medical items to the camps have been made.

Following facilities have been provided to the migrant families from Punjab on temporary basis:

(i) Financial assistance for diet/food @ Rs. 10/- per member per day subject to maximum of Rs. 1000/- per family per month.

(ii) Free one room (semi pacca pacca) accomodation subject to availability.

(iii) Free electricity, water etc.

(iv) Ration articles at control rates.

(v) Free medical facilities.

(vi) Facilities for recreational activities such as Library, T.V. Sets, etc.

(vii) Assistance in the admission of their children in the schools.

(viii) Police Security in every camp.

Telegraph offices in Himachal Pradesh

295. SHR R. S. NAIK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of telegraph offices functioning in the State of Himachal Pradesh;

(b) whether Governmet have any plan to open a Telegraph Office at Jangla in Shimla District; and

(c) if so, by when; if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The following Central Telegraph Office and Departmental Telegraph Offices are functioning in the State:

Central Telegraph Office:

Simla.

Departmental Telegraph Offices:

Bilaspur, Chamba Dharamshala, Kullu, Hamirpur, Mandi Solan, and Una.

In addition 657 Combined Post and Telegraph Offices are functioning in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Jangla is not connected by any physical line of radio medium at present.

Refugees in India

296. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that since May, 1990, refugees from various foreign countries have arrived in India;